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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
TETSUYOSHI ISHIWATA et al. ) : Examiner: David Nikodem  
Application No.: (Continuation-) ) : Group Art Unit: 1633  
in-part of Appln. No. )  
09/090,672 filed June 4, 1998 )  
Filed: Currently herewith )  
For: IgA NEPHROPATHY-RELATED )  
GENES : December 5, 2000

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 13 and 15 as follows:

13. (Amended) A method for producing [the] a  
protein [according to claim 9] comprising an amino acid